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Dear New York Wing Civil Air Patrol Senior and Cadet Members:

The New York State Legislature has recently convened for its annual session, in Albany. Although we have no definitive information on our initial request, for the second time in as many years, the Legislative leaders, Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, and Speaker of the Assembly, Assemblyman Sheldon Silver, have received requests from the New York Wing Civil Air Patrol for funding to support Civil Air Patrol activities in the State. A copy of the request for CAP funding for Civil Air Patrol for the 2002-03 State fiscal year is available on this web site, for your information.

Briefly, the funding request would provide funding for a number of the very critical areas of our Wing operations, which desperately need financial assistance. This request strongly reflects the priorities established by the Wing Commander.

In order to increase the likelihood of favorable Legislative action on this request, it is extremely important that the Senate and Assembly leadership **and** your individual State Senator and Assembly member hear directly from you how important this funding request is to the critical missions of the Civil Air Patrol. You are one of more than 1300 Senior or 1200 Cadet members of the New York Wing. If the Legislature were to receive 2500 letters in support of our request, I'm sure it would increase our chances of success.

The next page contains directions to obtain the name of your Senator or Assembly Member.

The following pages contain 4 sample letters to make it easier for you to contact the appropriate Legislative individuals with your message. Simply print out a copy of each letter. Send one to Senator Joseph Bruno, one to Assembly Member Sheldon Silver, and one to your local Senator and Assembly Member. Fill in the date and your address, and sign your name on the letters to Senator Bruno and Assembly Majority Leader Silver. Note that you should fill in the date, your address, and your Senator's and Assembly Member's name on the draft letters to your local senator and assembly member, before you send them.

The Legislature is compiling the 2002-03 budget for the fiscal year, which begins on April 1, 2002. Therefore, your prompt action to contact the Legislature is necessary to ensure consideration of our request. Please try to have your letters mailed not later than the middle of March. Call or email me or my assistants if you have any questions or need help with this project. It would also be helpful if you could let me know by phone, email or regular mail, to whom and when you mailed your letters. Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR IDENTIFYING YOUR STATE SENATOR AND ASSEMBLY MEMBER

FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH ACCESS TO A COMPUTER:

State Senators and Assembly Members can be easily identified as follows:

1. Go to the New York League of Women's Voters web page, at <http://www.lwvny.org>
2. Once the web page is visible, click your left mouse button on the Government Information block, on the top, right side. Then select New York State Government, on the middle of the left side.
3. Once that web page is visible, click on the gray slider bar in the middle of the page with your left mouse button to scroll to the decal that shows the New York State Assembly (near the bottom).
4. Move the mouse to the right side of the decal to "Your Assembly Member". When "Your Assembly Member" turns red, click the left mouse button to display a box which will search for you.
5. Enter your street address, city and zip code, and click on the "Submit Search" button.
6. Your State Senator's and State Assembly Member's names will be displayed. Note that the first name displayed will be your National Representative. (Do not send these letters to that Representative.) Your State Senator and State Assembly Member will be displayed next. Send your letters to them.

Addresses for Senator Bruno and Assembly Majority Leader Silver are already provided on the sample letter to them, attached to this email.

FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO A COMPUTER OR WHO CANNOT OPERATE A COMPUTER:

There are many sources of information relating to identifying your representatives, including local telephone books, public librarians, public offices (i.e., town or city halls, state office buildings) or by contacting the general information number in Albany for the State Senate at 518 455 2800 or the State Assembly at 518 455 4100. **If nothing else works,** call or email any of the individuals listed below. We can help.

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The Honorable Joseph L. Bruno
Majority Leader, New York State Senate
Albany, New York 12247

Dear Majority Leader Bruno:

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The humanitarian nature of CAP's missions, through the continued selfless contributions of our citizen volunteers, is well known and respected. Joining forces with the American Red Cross and the Federal and State Emergency Management Offices, CAP officers and cadets provided disaster-relief services to New York State communities that were devastated by floods, fires and ice and rain storms. In addition, CAP's nationwide reconnaissance efforts in support of U.S. Customs and Drug Enforcement Administration prevented billions of dollars in illegal drugs from reaching the streets and endangering our children. More than 2500 families in New York State are affiliated with the Civil Air Patrol, 1200 as Cadet members, and 1300 as Senior members.

In recognition of the importance of the primary missions of the Civil Air Patrol, four out of five states nationwide provide financial support to the CAP on an annual basis, to supplement funding from the Air Force. Until recent years, New York State was among those states. Unfortunately, New York State does **not** now support the CAP on an annual basis, even though our neighboring state, Pennsylvania, supported its statewide CAP Wing with \$300,000.00 annually, in recent years.

The continuing needs of the New York Wing Civil Air Patrol are as urgent as those of Pennsylvania and our other neighboring states, which support their Wings. Particularly urgent areas for the New York Wing and the funding needed include:

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8. \$ 35,000. for Communications Equipment

We look forward to your strong support for our program objectives and our request for a \$253,000.00 member item to continue our programs.

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Speaker, New York State Assembly
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In order to continue our existing vital missions, and to be prepared to respond to new emergency relief missions resulting from Homeland Security assessments, it is critical that the funds requested be approved. Without this assistance, services vital to the State and its localities will be eliminated or significantly curtailed.

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